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My Angel Mother.

There' a land beyond the river,
Where the skies are ever fair,
And I have an angel mother,
Who is waiting for me there;
She went o'er the silent waters,
At the setting of the sun,
And I know that she is happy,
For the christian's course is run.

In that land where she is waiting
For the ones she loved on earth,
Sin and sorrow never enter,
But eternal joys have birth;
Where the loved ones gone before us,
Wait and watch beside the tide—
For the friends they left behind them,
On the river's earthly side.

When the solemn summons calls us
To the mansions of the blest,
We shall lose our earthly sorrows
In a sense of blissful rest;
There eternal peace and quiet
Fills the heart forevermore,
And no pain can ever enter
On the river's further shore.

Come, O, Boatman, row me over,
To a fairer land than this,
For my heart grows weary waiting,
For my angel mother's kiss!

Ocoya, Ill.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I write to give you the good news of a short series of meetings held here by Bro. Bashor, who came to us, and commenced preaching on the evening of the 14th inst, continuing the meetings over Sunday and preaching three sermons on that day. The house was filled nightly, and, on Sunday on Monday night, almost to overflowing.

Bro. B. preached eight sermons in all, the immediate result of which was that thirteen were buried with Christ in baptism on Sunday afternoon, and six more on Tuesday morning, making a total of nineteen, five of whom were my own children.

Oh what a glorious meeting we had! The whole house seemed filled with the power of God, and all Christian people enjoyed the meetings, and felt that great good was being done. Bro. Bashor preached the doctrines of the church, and one sermon was especially devoted to the peculiar distinctive doctrines of the church, showing in the plainest manner how and why we differ from other denominations, and that sermon did its work.

There are many people here, as there are in other localities, who did not know the doctrine of our church, but who are ready as soon as they do know, to live up to its requirements.

Brethren, preach the word. "Be instant in season and out of season." Preach the doctrine in its purity, and the distinctive features of our church. Don't be afraid you will hurt somebody's feelings. Don't be afraid some other minister will criticise you or call you selfish.

Lord hasten the day when the pure doctrines of Christ will be preached throughout all the land.

Bro. Bashor left us on the 20th, to attend the church convention at Ashland, leaving his work in an unfinished condition, greatly to the regret of all Christian people. We felt that while much good had been done, there was yet room for more to be done, as some were seemingly almost persuaded.

He left the little band free to choose for themselves their church home, but suggested that they meet at some time in the near future for consultation in regard to the matter.

They met last Saturday at 3 p. m., and decided unanimously to be organized into a Brethren church, and become a part of the Brotherhood. We will organize with about twenty-five members. Brethren, remember us in your prayers, and don't forget the isolated members, as there are many places just like this where there are only one or two members, that a church might be organized if our ministers could only visit them, and preach to the people what they must do to be saved.

My wife and I had not heard one of our brethren preach since the Dayton Convention, until Bro. B. came to us, and we feel that our Christian strength and courage are greatly renewed.

H. J. FRANTZ.

Ocoya, Ill., Sept. 27th, 1887.

Altamont, Cal.

It is a long time since I wrote, informing the church how we are progressing in our work at Altamont. I am glad that others have occasionally wrote, showing and encouraging others how we are moving. Of late we have lost by removals, eight active members: Bro. and sister Finch, Bro. Davis, bro's and sisters Perret and Haas—have moved from our midst and gone to Los Angeles, where we prayerfully hope that in raising their new homes they shall raise their family altars, and that they may prove even a greater blessing to the new district than they have been to the old. It would seem as if our little band were about to be rent asunder. In a very few weeks brother and sister Doty move away some 20 miles. This will make our loss, 11 members. But we do not intend to allow Bro. Doty to sever himself from us by that distance. He has even promised to visit us occasionally.

Now I have been telling you of removals. It is now my duty to inform you of a removal not to Los Angeles, but to a home in heaven. I feelingly refer to the loss Bro. and sister Perret have had in the death of their daughter Minnie, who was born 18th of Jan., 1875; died 2nd of Sept. 1887, aged 12 years, 7 months and 14 days. She was young in years, but took a great interest in the building of our church, and was a regular attendant of our Sunday School. She was loved by all who knew her. During her sickness I do not think she suffered much pain. But like the old time sand-glass, slowly, yea almost imperceptibly, passed away from this world into a brighter, although no one, so far as I know, was allowed the privilege of conversing with our little sister. Yet I have no doubt in my mind but that she is now enjoying the home of many mansions. On the lid of her coffin was a plate engraved not her know name but "Our Darling." Yes, noble tribute!

Our Darling—Hers was the first funeral from our church. Our respected Elder, J. P. Wolf and Bro. Doty conducted the funeral exercises. Bro. Wolf preached one of his loving sermons from the 39th verse of the 5th chapter of Mark. The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. What a contrast must it have been to our Bro. John, as he looked on this little rose in bloom, and but a few weeks before looked on the saintly face of his own dear old father.

To one and all I pray that the God of all grace may comfort you all in this the day of your trial, and to young and old I say, choose you this day whom ye will serve.

WM. SHANKS.

College of St. James, Md.

August 9th, I and family started for the Old Dominion (Va.) in private conveyance. Arrived at Bro. E. B. Shaver's about sundown after a drive of 68 miles. After a happy night's rest and a few hours of pleasant conversation with Bro. and Sister Shaver, we bade them farewell and left for old Rockingham. We arrived at Uncle Joseph Bowman's about sundown. Mrs. Bowman held the lines and I went and inquired how uncle was. We were made sad to learn that he was alarmingly ill, and orders from the Dr. that no one be allowed to go in to see him. After receiving the sad news, we drove on to my brother's near by and spent the night with him. Next day I drove to my father's in East Rockingham. I stayed in Rockingham about three weeks. Did some "shot gun" preaching while there. Uncle died while I was in Rockingham. His death has been reported by Bro. Shaver. This was a shock to his neighborhood in general, and our Va. brethren in particular.

On Friday, Sept. 2nd, I preached at Pleasant Hill my last sermon in Rockingham. Subject: "Why I do not keep the Saturday Sabbath.

The Seventh Day Adventists had a camp meeting near Pleasant Hill and stirred up the people upon this subject. Some knowing that I have had them to contend with and hence have given the subject some attention, requested that I should preach upon the subject of the Sabbath. Brethren, the time has come that it is necessary for us to give this subject some attention, and thus save our people from the seventh day delusion.

On Saturday the 3nd, I left Rockingham and drove homeward twenty-five miles to a little town called Forestville, where we have a few members without a shepherd. Excuse me, I mean they have no authorized minister, but Bro. and Sister Kirby are good shepherds. I know they are if they care for the tender lambs as well as they did for us while there.

Met Bro. Shaver here. I preached at night and he next morning. I preached again at night to a large audience. Gave them a dose of Bible baptism. Next day (Monday) I took Bro. Shaver to the depot and took dinner with cousin Samuel Wine. He was expelled from the church many years ago contrary to the plain and positive teachings of the gospel. He is a good, honest, conscientious man, and if he would be dishonest he could have gotten back into the church long ago, but he was too honest to violate his conscience and actually sin, to go back into the church. This he cannot do and is the reason he is where he is. Hope he will soon come where he can worship God independent of man-made traditions.

Preached six sermons at Forestville. Closed with three additions. Our meeting ought to have continued longer, but my time was limited. I believe we could build up a good church at Forestville if we could give them regular preaching. Bro. Shaver only lives about twenty-five miles away, but he has more than he can do without including Forestville. I hope, however, he will slip up there now and then and give them a sermon.

On the 9th, left Forestville homeward bound. Drove forty-four miles first day, stopped over night with old Bro. Copp, father of Bro. George Copp. Old Bro. Copp is a strong Progressive. Next day drove forty-five miles, arrived home after being absent over a month. We were tired and worn out and felt like there was no place like home.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Lathrop Church Meeting.

On Sept. 10th, the brethren met in council at the Union church of Lathrop. After the usual devotional exercises, suggestions were offered in regard to offering resolutions of respect, to our departed elder and pastor, George Wolfe. A committee of two was appointed to draft resolutions of respect. It was moved that we ballot for a new housekeeper, which resulted in electing Bro. J. P. Wolfe to that responsible position. Bro. J. P. Wolfe is a son of Eld. George Wolfe. The mantle has fallen on one who is thoroughly competent to fill the position, one who is loved by all who know him.

Some unfinished business was adjusted to the satisfaction of all present. A new Secretary and Treasurer was elected.

Donations: Local Church Fund, $3.50; State Mission Fund, $6.50. After adopting the above resolutions the meeting adjourned to meet Dec. 10th.

B. G. FREDERICK, Sec.

South Bend, Ind.

I suppose some, if not all the Brethren are aware of Bro. Ewing leaving South Bend, but there are none who know what a vacancy he leaves in the church, in the Temperance work, and in the Y. M. C. A. of this place. As Superintendent of the Sabbath School, Deacon in the church, Secretary of the Prohibition club, and worker in the Y. M. C. A., he led a useful life and leaves respected, honored, and missed by them all; and as a teacher of vocal music in the public schools, South Bend cannot now fill his places. Also in all his good works Sister Ewing has proved herself a helpmeet indeed. Their place in the church is still vacant. I write this that wherever they may choose their home, they may be gladly welcomed among the Brethren, as "some good thing come unto them." May the Lord lead them to a good home, is the sincere wish of the church at South Bend.

E. M. S.

Religious Inteligence,

The Rev. John Walton is president of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, England, for the ensuing year. He is said to be a good preacher, a good platform speaker, and has done good service in India and Africa.

The seat of the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will meet in 1890, will be St. Louis. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet in New York next May.

The Lutheran Synodical Conference has missions and schools for Freedmen in New Orleans, Little Rock, and Meherrin, Va. In New Orleans there are 133 colored communicants and 380 colored children in the parochial schools.

Dr. T. Witherspoon, of Louisville, Ky., has declined the Perkins chair in Columbia (S. C.) Theological Seminary, formerly filled by Dr. Woodrow. His health and his pastorate furnish the reasons of his declinature.

The Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has reviewed the work of the Hymn Book Revision Committee and referred the result to the Committee. It is said the book will not be ready for several months yet.

The Friends of England report a slight increase in membership the past year. In Madagascar it appears that there are now 33,000 adherents of the Friends' Mission, of whom 19,500 assemble every Lord's Day in places of worship.

Baltimore has about 300 churches, chapels and synagogues. As to communicants the Roman Catholic Church stands first, the Methodist second, the Lutheran third, the Baptist fourth, the Presbyterian fifth, and the Jewish sixth. The population of the city is about 410,000. Of this 120,000 is Roman Catholic, 210,000 Protestants and 80,000 unevangelized.

Archbishop Heiss, of Milwaukee, thinks there are 8,000,000 Roman Catholics in the United States, of whom 3,000,000 are Germans. Of the eleven archbishops and sixty bishops, however, only one archbishop, Dr. Heiss, himself, and eleven bishops are German. He thinks the German element ought to have larger recognition, but is well aware of the difficulties in the way. Preparations are being made for the German Catholic Congress which meets in Chicago, September 6th.